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In re Application of

Roy Neil McHUTCHINSON

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**CONTAINER** 

**DECISION ON** 

PETITION UNDER

37 CFR 1.47(b)

This decision is in response to applicant's "REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R.1.47(b)" submitted on 15 July 2003 that indicates that Mr. McHutchison has now executed a declaration.

## **BACKGROUND**

In a decision by this Office dated 27 May 2003, the decision stated that applicant had not satisfied requirements (4)-(6) under 37 CFR 1.47(b). The decision concluded that it was not appropriate to accord national stage application status under 37 CFR 1.47(b) at that time.

On 15 July 2003, petitioner filed this instant renewed petition accompanied, inter alia, by an executed declaration by Mr. Roy Neil McHutchison.

## **DISCUSSION**

The petition states that the previously uncooperative inventor, Mr. Roy Neil McHutchison, has now executed a declaration. Thus, the declaration is now signed by the sole non-signing inventor.

Accordingly, the declaration submitted on 15 July 2003 complies with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b).

## **CONCLUSION**

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is MOOT.

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This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for continued processing consistent with this decision. The 35 USC 371 date of this application is 15 July 2003.

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